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In Fighting Without
Any Cover.

Boers Hope to Revenge Paarde-
berg by Capture of the
Little Garrison.

Gaberon, April 3.—Saturday's fight in the environs of Mafeking was conducted on Col. Plumer's side under great difficulties, being in the proximity of the Boer laagers, where reinforcements could be promptly sent to the burghers, and there was little cover available for the British when the fight began, the plain being but sparsely wooded, and the railroad embankment, the chief protection, being only two feet high. The men behaved gallantly, however, and the officers were exceptionally conspicuous in the affair. With the exception of a few rounds fired by the British Maxim gun at Rumanthabana, the fire on both sides was entirely by rifle.

Half of the British officers were more or less seriously wounded. Col. Plumer was wounded in his right arm; his horse was shot. Col. Bodle and Capt. Kelt were wounded. Col. Plumer's orderly is missing. Serjt.-Major Manning of the Fifth Dragoon Guards, who took up the duties of orderly, did excellent work. Captain Fred Crowe was shot dead while covering the retreat of others. Captain MacLaren was severely wounded and Lieut. Milligan, the famous Yorkshire cricketer, fatally injured while holding an assigned position. Medical orderly Vaneford, worked pluckily on the field, which afforded little cover.

London, April 11.—The Daily Mail has the following from Lady Sarah Wilson, dated Mafeking, March 30: "Col. Plumer's column is now within twenty miles of us, but its advent is undesirable unless accompanied by good supplies. The opinion prevails here that young Cronje has returned to the ranks of the investing Boers, and is trying to avenge Paardeberg."

THE NEW LIBERALISM.
Movement For a Reformed Party on
Imperial Principles Laid Down
by Rosebery.

London, April 10.—The newly formed Liberal council held its first meeting this afternoon under the presidency of Mr. Robert William Perks, M. P., the treasurer of the London Nonconformist council, who explained that the object of the new organization was to maintain liberalism in its old progressive, tolerant and aggressive form. In other words, he declared, the Imperial Liberals "proposed to follow the lead of such men as Lord Rosebery and Sir Edward Grey."

Mr. Perks who is a lawyer and a contractor interested in the construction of many railroads and docks, including the Manchester ship canal, announced that a large number of those who had already joined the organization were candidates for election to parliament at the next general election, and he hoped, therefore, to have a solid battalion of candidates in full sympathy with the organizations Imperial views.

SUNDAY AT THE FAIR.

American Exhibits Must Be Shown
With the Rest, Though Pavilion
Will Be Closed.

Paris, April 10.—United States Commissioner Ferdinand W. Peck has consulted with the authorities at Washington respecting the question of Sunday opening at the exposition in this city, and has received a cablegram saying that President McKinley desired that the American section should be closed on the Sabbath as far as allowed by the French regulations.

Mr. Peck thereupon saw the French authorities and was shown a by-law which compels the opening of all exhibits on the seven days of the week, and even gives the French authorities power to remove any coverings placed over an exhibit during unauthorized hours. The same rule applies to machinery, and the by-law makes no exception in the case of national pavilions.

But, at Mr. Peck's instance, the director-general of the exposition has given the American commissioner special permission to close the American pavilion Sundays.

A FAMINE IN COAL.

Russia and Germany Report Unprecedented Demand and Consequent Shortage.

Washington, April 10.—Additional information has been furnished the state department relative to the existence of serious coal famines in Russia and Germany. Consul-General Gunther at Frankfurt writes that never before in the history of Germany has there been such a demand upon the coal production of the country as at the present.

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FOX'S.

QUEEN'S DAILY OUTING.

Brisk Drive Along the Valley of the
Liffey—Villagers Mark the
Occasion.

Dublin, April 10.—The Queen selected the picturesque route along the valley of the Liffey for her drive this afternoon, and covered nearly twenty miles before returning to the vice-regal lodge. Her Majesty rode in an open landau and was accompanied by the Princesses and Prince Leopold.

Although the route was only selected a few hours previous to the start, the villages traversed were gay with bunting, and crowds of cheering people lined the highways. Groups of scarlet-coated children from the soldier schools, operatives from the mills, and peasants in the fields formed to-day's collection of spectators.

The private secretary and equester to the Queen, Sir Arthur J. Bigge, announced to the reporters to-day that Her Majesty was very much pleased to hear that all the children who took part in the demonstration in her honor Saturday had arrived home safe and happy.

The Report At Ottawa.

Received Last Saturday But
Sir Wilfrid Withholds
His Decision.

Strathcona Calls for Fifty Re-
serves—Major Drummond
to Command Militia.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Ottawa, April 10.—The political situation in British Columbia is still attracting a good deal of attention here. Sir Wilfrid Laurier told Mr. Rostock to-day that Lieut.-Governor McInnes' report was received last Saturday, but he would give the house no hint as to its contents. All sorts of reports are current, but the general belief is that the government will not do anything until after the provincial elections. A report published by the Province that Sir Wilfrid Laurier had dismissed Martin has been telegraphed to Ottawa and is scoffed at as a poor work of imagination, the federal government having no power to dismiss Mr. Martin, a prerogative vested in the Lieutenant-Governor.

It is reported that Major Drummond, military secretary to Lord Minto, has been appointed commandant of the militia in succession to Gen. Hutton. He left Capetown for Canada last Saturday. Strathcona has called for fifty additional men to fill possible vacancies in Strathcona's Horse in the event of casualties or sickness.

An animated discussion on the spoils system in the militia department was today initiated by Col. Prior, based upon the government's cancellation of the offer of commissions in the British Army to Royal Military College graduates. Sir Charles Tupper strongly supported Col. Prior's position. Sir Wilfrid Laurier assumed a lofty tone and declined to give any particulars of what had been done.

ANOTHER FEVER VICTIM.

Canadian Serving With Twelfth
Lancers Dies at Kimberley.

Toronto, April 9.—Dr. Burritt, the well known city physician, this afternoon received from the commanding officer of the 12th Lancers, now on active service, a cablegram announcing the death of his third son, Allan S. Burritt, at Kimberley on April 4 of enteric fever. The cablegram contained no further particulars, and until it arrived Dr. Burritt was unaware of the illness of his son, whose last letter received was dated January 27.

Burritt had served five years in the North-West Mounted Police. He was also for a time lieutenant in the Prince of Wales' Dragoons, the headquarters of which are at Peterboro.

MACKINTOSH THE CHOICE.

Conservatives of the Rossland Riding
Unanimously Favor the Ex-
Governor.

Rossland, April 10.—(Special)—The Conservative convention for Rossland riding met to-day, and amid the greatest enthusiasm nominated Mr. C. H. Mackintosh, ex-M. P. for Ottawa and lately Lieutenant-Governor of the Northwest Territories, as their candidate for the legislature. The nomination was by acclamation, as there seemed to be no member of the Conservative party who desired to rival him for the place. The convention was made up of delegates from the Boundary towns and Rossland and Trail. A well attended ratification meeting was held this evening. The principal speaker was Mr. Mackintosh, who promised if elected to do all that he could to develop and put on a better footing than at present the mining interests of the country.

FARMER LEGISLATORS.

Manitoba House Takes a Month's
Holiday While They Get in
Their Crops.

Winnipeg, April 10.—(Special)—Notice was given to-day that the Manitoba legislature will adjourn on Thursday next until May 7, in order to allow farmer members to superintend seeding operations at their homes. The budget will probably be postponed till after the recess, the provincial treasurer asking for a lump sum before the house adjourns, to meet current expenses.

There was continued fine weather to-day. It is estimated that fully 25 per cent. of the seed for Manitoba's next wheat crop is under ground.

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Themselves They Slew Six
Hundred British.

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to Round Off the Pre-
toria Story.

Received With Incredulity in
London But Probability
Discussed.

London, April 11.—A despatch to the Daily Mail from Brandfort, dated Sunday, by way of Lorenzo Marques, says: "Yesterday Gen. Dewet engaged the British for the third time within a week at Merksfontein, killing and wounding 600. He captured 900, with twelve wagons, losing five Boers killed and nine wounded."

The Daily Mail publishes also the following dated Tuesday, April 10, from Lorenzo Marques: "The Netherlands Railway Company professes to have received a telegram reporting a Boer victory near Koonstadt, the Boers capturing 900 British."

Commenting upon this the Daily Mail remarks: "There is a Merksfontein about eight and a half miles southeast of Koonstadt, but if the report be true, this can hardly be the place."

The Daily News has the following from Pretoria, dated Monday, by way of Delagoa Bay: "It is officially announced that a battle has been fought south of Brandfort, in which 600 British troops were killed and wounded, and 800 taken prisoners."

"Lord Roberts is declared to be finding great difficulty owing to scarcity of water."

London, April 11.—5 a.m.—But that the war office has issued no news from Lord Roberts during the last three days, there would be little disposition to place any credence in the Boer reports of a British disaster. The unexpected rallying of the Free State commandoes, however, leaves the public in a nervous condition.

Despatches from Pretoria, as stated last Monday, did not mention any further Boer victories. On the contrary, they said all the commandoes were quiet, and as Lord Roberts has hitherto never failed promptly to report misadventures, as well as successes, to the newspapers, it is not surprising that the newspapers correspondents to report them, until some confirmation is received there is justification for regarding the Merksfontein rumor as only an exaggerated account of the Reddersburg affair. At the same time, the extremest anxiety is felt.

No further news has been received of fighting either at Wepener or in Natal. Boer reports seem to indicate that Lord Methuen is advancing from Boshof towards Kimberley. It is a bold and apparently a dangerous move, since, although it turns the right flank of the Boer position at Brandfort, it puts Lord Methuen's force between whatever garrison there may be at Bloemfontein in the Transvaal, and the Brandfort force.

The Boer commissionaires at Napier do not conceal the fact that they have no hopes of obtaining peace with independence, but they will endeavor to save their honour and to secure a truce for further negotiations. Mr. Fischer says the present Boer strength at the front is 38,000 men.

London, April 11.—The Durban correspondent of the Daily Telegraph telegraphing Tuesday, April 10, says: "Our naval guns have commenced bombarding the Boer positions between Sunday's River and Biggarsburg."

BOERS NEAR THEIR LIMIT.

Impossible For Them to Continue Operations When Roberts Puts His Army in Condition.

Berlin, April 10.—The latest events in South Africa are interpreted as unfavorable to Great Britain, but Gen. Von Becher in the Lokal Anzeiger says: "Evidently the British will soon begin a concerted advance movement, rendering it impossible for the Boers to communicate with their forces within the inner lines. The danger is that the British remains in their extremely long approximation lines. It will be, however, next to impossible for the Boers to continue movements in the open field when Lord Roberts moves, after putting his army in first-class condition."

THE BEIRA ROUTE.

Attempt to Work Up a Russian Protest
Against Anglo-Portuguese
Agreement.

London, April 10.—The Russian and French papers are still excitedly protesting against Great Britain's use of the Beira route in transporting troops to Rhodesia, but there is nothing to confirm the despatch from St. Petersburg to the Aftenbladet of Stockholm, saying that Emperor Nicholas is "extremely agitated" over the Anglo-Portuguese arrangement, and intends to issue a proclamation protesting against it during his forthcoming visit to Moscow.

GOMEZ TO THE CUBANS.

Havana, April 10.—Gen. Gomez sailed to-day for Santo Domingo. Before leaving he addressed a letter to the president of the National party saying he was very grateful for the recent demonstration in his honor and that he would soon return to Cuba. In the course of an interview he denied he said anything of attempting to become the President of Santo Domingo, as had been intimated in a Havana paper.

The favorite of favorites—J. M. Moore "AA" whiskey.

Finance and Commerce

SHARES AND MONEY.

London, April 10.—C. P. R. closed 100½; G. T. R. 1st pt. 97; N. P. 1st pt. 79½; N. P. com. 63; Anaconda 11½.

New York, April 10.—The movement of prices in to-day's stock market largely represented a contest of speculative forces for supremacy. The forces of reaction finally prevailed and the market closed decidedly weak and at a level below last night's close. This result was achieved after many vicissitudes and extreme irregularity. But the mere fact of the presence of an aggressive bear clique in the market served as a detriment to the demand from outsiders, which has constituted the underlying strength of the market. Closing quotations:

Ann. Cot. Oil	17½
Ann. Tob.	107
Ann. Sugar	100
Anaconda	109
Atchafalca	26½
A. S. & W.	52½
B. & O.	85½
C. P.	98
Can. Sou.	67
C. B. & Q.	129½
Chicago Gas	107½
C. & N. W.	163
C. R. I. & P.	112
C. M. & St. P.	123½
Cont. Tob.	299
Colo. Fuel & Iron	48½
C. C. & St. L.	64½
D. S. S. & A.	5½
Ed. Steel	47
Gen. Elec.	132½
Jersey Central	120½
L. & N.	84½
Man. Elec.	97½
Miss. Pac.	54½
Met. Trac.	106½
Nat. Lead	23½
Nor. Pac.	59½
N. P. prd.	75½
N. Y. C. & H.	136½
N. Y. L. E. & W.	14½
N. Y. O. & W.	25½
Pac. Mail	35½
Pressed Steel	53½
Reading	198
Union Pac.	183½
Sou. Pac.	39½
Tenn. Coal & Iron	33
Tex. & Pac.	18½
U. S. Leather	12½
U. S. Rubber	25½
U. P.	53½
Wabash prd.	23
Consol. Mont. xl.	17½
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PRODUCE AT CHICAGO.

Chicago, April 10.—Wheat closed—April 67c, May 67½c, July 68½c, Sept. 69c. Corn—April 30½c, May 30½c, July 30½c, Sept. 31½c. Oats—May 24½c, July 24½c, Sept. 23½c.

MARKET QUOTATIONS.

(Furnished by Ben Williams & Co.)

Chicago April 10.—The following quotations ruled on the board of trade:

	Open	High	Low	Close
Wheat—				
July	68½	68½	67½	68½
May	67½	67½	66½	67½
Corn—				
May	39½	40	39½	40

A CANADIAN BOY'S TRICK.

He Wrote to Lord Salisbury Asking for a Loan—But All He Got was a Good Spanking.

From the New York Commercial Advertiser

"Well," he said, "you have all read such a lot about the little boy who wrote to the German Emperor asking for old postage stamps for his collection, and who received in answer a large envelope full of rare stamps. They are all very sweet stories and they may be quite true, I don't know about that. But I know a true story about a boy in Canada who tried that game, and he'll never try it again.

"His parents were not poor, but he used to make pocket money by taking a 'round' of newspapers, you know. He fell ill and got in debt to his newsdealer some way. I don't remember—except that he wrote to Lord Salisbury, asking for five dollars, and enclosed a bill for the newspapers. He had been reading those stories about the German Emperor, I suppose. He should have had the money by return mail, but he never heard of it, but it didn't work out that way—quite.

"Lord Salisbury's secretary prepared to investigate. He copied out the boy's letter and the newspaper bill carefully on the official government foolscap, tied the two together with the official red tape—they don't use paper fasteners, you know—and forwarded them to the Hon. Joseph Chamberlain, who was visiting at the time with wife's relatives in New England, requesting that the documents be forwarded to the proper authorities for a report. Chamberlain's secretary sent all the correspondence to the Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario with a similar request. The secretary of the Lieutenant-Governor added his good word and passed it along to the Mayor of the town in which the boy lived. The Mayor forwarded the case to the chief of police and chief of police detailed an officer to make enquiries. Of course the boy's parents were most indignant, declared that the boy had no need of the money, and vented their indignation on their son in the usual manner. The officer reported to the chief. The chief forwarded the report, with the original correspondence, to the Mayor. His secretary sent it to the Lieutenant-Governor and I suppose it went back finally to Lord Salisbury, or his secretary. Anyway, that boy got nothing out of it except a spanking. It's true. I saw the correspondence—the whole heap of it—in the Mayor's office."

GOOD GOVERNMENT.

Sir: Since the affairs of the province have come more or less to a crisis, the effects of which will reach a great way in one of two directions, it behooves each individual citizen to do what he may—be it never so little—towards shaping the course of events by truth and honesty.

It is clear that under a democratic government it is the fault of the people if they are not well governed.

Let me suggest that many of Carlyle's remarks in his "Past and Present" are peculiarly applicable to present circumstances, and if voters could be induced to take warning from his precepts, I venture to think they would awaken a latent sense of responsibility.

Allow me to quote the following passages, as bearing to a certain extent on the subject in hand:

Book II, Chap. vii., at the end—

"Besides, (the election) is a most important social act; nay, at the bottom, the one important social act. Given the men a People choose, the People itself, in its exertion and worthlessness, is given. A heroic people chooses heroes, and is happy; a timid or flaccid people chooses cowards, and is wretched; a people of slaves chooses slaves, and is not happy. The grand summary of a man's spiritual condition, what brings out all his heroism and insight, or all his flaccidity and horned dimness, is this question put to him, What man dost thou honor? Which is thy ideal of a man, or nearest that? So too of a People: for a People too, every People speaks its choice—were it only by silently obeying, and not revolting—in the course of a century or so.

A People's electoral methods are, in the long run, the express image of its electoral talent, and are, at all stages, very significant of the People."

Hard words one would say, and not easily overthrown; yet what hope is there for a People that dare not look upon itself as it is, but through the beautiful pattern-making kaleidoscope of certain sections of the press.

Again—Book II, Chap. ix., at the end—and this quotation is ludicrously relevant to existing circumstances:

"But the quick, direct, quick high-priest, the quick-king! Why do not all just citizens rush, half frantic, to stop him, as the proprietors of Perry Davis' Pain Killer.

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"My Better Half,"—John Collins.

Letters to The Editor

CONSTANTINOPLE.

Sir: I have often admired in your leaders and editors the staunch and patriotic way in which you have always upheld British interests and the grandeur of the Empire. No truer loyalist could be pictured, almost realizing the motto: "My country right or wrong." It is therefore only with sincere regret that I venture to differ with you in an article which appeared in Saturday's issue, entitled in the sentence about Russia: "We believe that the possession of Constantinople is not worth the life of a single British sailor and when Russia gets ready to take it, she will find no British guns in her path." I remember that Lord Salisbury was once betrayed into saying that many people felt needlessly with regard to Russia as of a bug-hug dangerous to our peace of mind; or words to that effect.

Now you are aware of the traditional legacy of Peter the Great, in a word, universal domination. You are aware of Napoleon's prophecy, "In fifty years (or was it a hundred) Europe will be republican or Cossack." You are aware of the far-reaching, encroaching nature of Russia's acts, of her crafty underhand ways, by blinding if possible, then cunningly creating, then if necessary open violence.

What did she do with the treaty of Paris when she no longer feared the power to enforce it, France too soon withdrawing from the first Crimean war, when she had done enough for glory? Under what false pretences did she begin the last Turkish war? To liberate Bulgarians, under shield of the outcry made by Gladstone's Turkish atrocities, when as a fact the Russian soldiers found a people more happy and civilized than themselves. But by the patriotic step of Disraeli almost forcing the Dardanelles and threatening to bar the way by British armed intervention, the Russian's way to Constantinople was stopped, and the treaty of Adrianople signed. But for this, I say, much of Europe would be today at the mercy of this unscrupulous power.

The gradual swallowing of a few Khanates in the heart of Asia might be of doubtful consequence and possibly was in the interest of civilization. But why does she want to intrude in Persia, in Afghanistan? Why meddle in China, the East and the last civilized, learned and scientific ages before Russia was thought of? Why not ameliorate the condition of her own people, abolish the knout and the salt mines of Siberia for political prisoners? Her territory is vast enough. But how has she treated the Finns?

Without wishing to pass for a political prophet, I will venture to say it will be a sorry day for the nations of Europe if ever Russia gets Constantinople. It has always been considered the gateway of Europe and the key to Asia. I am far from wishing to back up "the unspeakable Turk," as Carlyle calls him, who ought long ago to have been dismissed from civilized Europe. I am far from wishing my own country to possess the city though it could hold it with the least injury to neighbors or jealousy on their part. Why not Austria?

But let me finish with the pregnant saying: "Mistrust is the pregnant safety," and let mistrust of Russia be England's guiding policy.

EDWARD MALLANDAINE.

THE PIPE TENDERS.

Sir: We have been asked repeatedly to-day about the letting of contracts for cast-iron waterpipes by our city council, owing to a notice on Campbell's bill board, which reads as follows:

"Dead town. See Colonist. What's the matter with our aldermen? For \$15,000 they gave a contract to a Vancouver firm, who pay no taxes or trade license. Are they advertising Victoria as a cheap town? Who pays their salary?"

The facts, briefly, are as follows: The purchasing agent called for tenders for 2,500 feet cast-iron water main, tenders to quote price per foot. This pipe is not sold by manufacturers by the foot, but by the ton or fraction of a ton; consequently we quoted by the ton. Our price was \$5.50 per ton, delivered. Our competitor's price was 50% cents per foot. We were informed by the successful tenderer that Mr. Raymur, water commissioner, told him he would give him men to handle the pipe on Moss street, making a difference of 75 cents per ton, while we figured without this help at \$1.50 per ton. Had we been given the same help we would have been 1% of a cent per foot lower at 29 lbs. per foot. On looking closely into the matter and taking the manufacturer's weight from one ton of pipe, it averages 10 pounds per foot. We then got Mr. Raymur, water commissioner, Mr. Topp, city engineer, and Mr. Northcott, purchasing agent, the committee, to come and inspect this pipe, take the weights and mention the fact in their report, and by accepting our price the city would effect a saving of about \$25. This they did not do, and consequently the council had no knowledge of this matter.

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CONTROL OF RAILWAYS.

Winnipeg, April 10.—The Winnipeg city council last night adopted a resolution favoring more rigid government control or government ownership of railways. The motion passed on a vote of 7 to 5. Several aldermen contended that the council should not interfere in politics.

WINNIPEG LIBERALS.

Winnipeg, April 10.—There was some difficulty at the meeting of the Winnipeg Liberal Association last evening over the attempt by malcontents to introduce a motion condemning ex-Premier Greenway for his railway policy. It was ruled out of order by 26 to 18.

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GOVERNMENT EXPEDITION

May Go in Search of a Lost Isle in the Pacific Ocean.

Honolulu, March 31.—Capt. Pond, of the United States steamship Itouloquois, is expected to receive orders to go in search of lost Morell Island, a small dot on the Pacific which has been reported missing. Morell Island has been on the ocean charts since 1825, but no report of its having been seen has been made to the authorities at Washington during the last seventy years. Now a positive report has reached the hydrographic office that the island is not in the place where it is indicated on the charts, and the Itouloquois will probably be sent to make surveys and find out what has become of the bit of land.

Capt. Buford, of the transport Grant, is the man who settled the question of whether there was any island where Morell Island ought to be, according to the maps. On his last trip from Manila the captain resolved to sail directly to the place where Morell Island was supposed to rise out of the sea. On February 23 last the Grant steamed right over the spot in question. It was a clear day and land could have been sighted for twenty-five miles, but the lookouts on the Grant were not able to see any signs of the island for which navigators have been looking out for three-quarters of a century. Chief Officer Cranskey of the Grant made an official report to the hydrographic office that Morell Island had ducked under the water, and the government decided to settle the matter by exploring. Morell Island is about 1,600 miles from here, so that Capt. Pond will have quite a cruise if he makes the trip. Soundings will be made all over the region and the hydrographic office will be put in possession of information that will enable it to correct the charts.

It has been suggested that Morell Island may have belonged to the class of islands of volcanic origin, which suddenly emerge and then suddenly disappear. The Pacific ocean has furnished many such bits of temporary land, and it will not surprise geologists if Capt. Pond reports that there is deep water all over the spot where the little island was marked on the charts at the beginning of the century.

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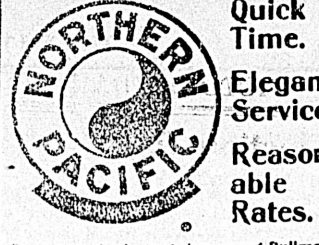
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THE WAR.

A Pretoria despatch says that Lord
Methuen is moving in the direction of
Hoopstad, a town in the Free State close
to the Transvaal frontier, and a little
more than one-third of the way from
Fourteen Streams to Kroonstad. He
is thus drawing nearer the right wing
of the main Boer force.

News from Mafeking of the 27th
spoke of the approach of a relieving force
from the south, and of sharp fighting, in
which the advantage was with the be-
sieged. Col. Plumer was less fortunate,
being compelled to retire before a superior
force, but he did so without great loss
considering the disadvantages with which
he had to contend.

A Lorenzo Marques despatch speaks of
a fight at Dewetsdorp, in which our forces
lost 100 men killed and wounded and 45
prisoners. This is the first that has been
heard of a fight at this point. Dewets-
dorp is midway between Bloemfontein
and Wepener. The report of the battle
should be received with caution. It will
be recalled that a week or so ago a cir-
cumstantial report came by way of Lor-
enzo Marques that Gatacre had been
badly defeated at Springfontein. In point
of fact there had been no fighting there.

There has been two days' fighting at
Wepener, and the final result is not an-
nounced. If General Buller is able to
stand the enemy off he ought to receive
prompt assistance from Lord Roberts or
Gen. Gatacre. The latter is nearer him
than the former.

Active work has been resumed in Na-
tal. The Biggarsberg range, which the
enemy occupies, runs in a general direc-
tion east and west across the line of the
railway from Ladysmith to Dundee.
Sunday's River and Wessels' Nek, from
which heavy cannonading is reported,
are on the Ladysmith side of the range.
One report says that Gen. Buller has
obtained control of a pass through the
Drakensberg Mountains. This range
separates Natal from the Free State, and
if the report is correct, he can send a
portion of his force across the border at
any time. This would be a movement of
extreme importance and taken in con-
nection with Methuen's movement from
the west would immensely strengthen
our position in the Free State. Con-
firmation of this news will be awaited with
interest.

THE POLITICAL SITUATION.

The political situation continues to be
very unsettled. Neither the Vancouver
Liberal convention nor the meeting of
the Conservative Association in this city
has cleared the air in the slightest de-
gree, except that there is now no longer
any reason to suppose that Mr. Martin
can count upon the support of the Lib-
erals as a party. Another disturbing
factor in the situation is the possible
action of the federal authorities. We are
not inclined to accept the many rumors
which come from Ottawa in regard to the
intentions of Sir Wilfrid Laurier, but
there may be more foundation for them
than we think. The uncertainty as to
the date of the election is another reason
why the public mind is disturbed, and the
absence of any platform which meets
public approval does not tend to allay
the existing uneasiness. While we
greatly regret the injury that is being
done to the province by the delay in
bringing order out of chaos, there is some
reason for satisfaction in the degree to
which public feeling is being aroused. It
has been a long time since the minds of
the people have ever been so agitated on
political matters as now, and this is by
no means an unhealthy condition.

A QUERY FOR MR. MARTIN.

One of the principal points which Mr.
Joseph Martin has made during his
speeches is based upon the alleged il-
legality of the grant of the land subsidy
to the Crow's Nest Pass railway. We
have information from an authority that
cannot be questioned to the effect that
Mr. Martin, in his capacity as solicitor
for the Canadian Pacific Railway Com-
pany, examined into the validity of this
subsidy and that it was after he had
gone into the question of title that the
agreement was made between the rail-
way company and the Crow's Nest Pass

Coal Company for the transfer of a por-
tion of the grant to the latter corpora-
tion. In other words, Mr. Martin, as
solicitor for the Canadian Pacific, pro-
nounced good the title, which he now
seeks to impugn, and in regard to the
alleged illegality of which he never wear-
ies of talking.

We repeat that this statement is made
upon the best possible authority. The
fact stamps Mr. Martin as a deliberate
deceiver either of his own clients or the
public. If he is right now, he could not
have been right when he passed favor-
ably upon the title as solicitor for the
Canadian Pacific. If he was right then
he is wrong now. Mr. Martin can ac-
cept either horn of the dilemma, which
he finds the more comfortable. In any
case he stands utterly discredited before
the people.

REPRESENTATIVE

GOVERNMENT.

In connection with the reports wired
from Ottawa, professing to give the
views of the Laurier ministry on the
political situation here, it may be men-
tioned that while there is no doubt as
to the power of the Lieutenant-Governor
to appoint as members of the executive
council persons who are not at the
time in the legislature, his doing so is
directly in the face of the principles of
representative government. Representa-
tive government does not merely mean
that the laws shall be made by a body
by the people's representatives, or in
the people, but that the administration
of the government shall be carried out
by the people's representative, or in
England by those occupying hereditary
representative positions. There is a dis-
tinction between a member of the legis-
lature and other people. The voters
make the difference. They give to cer-
tain persons a representative capacity,
and while there are any individuals
occupying representative positions, it is
the bounden duty of the Lieutenant-
Governor to select his representatives
from such people. If the house had
been dissolved forthwith upon Mr. Mar-
tin's appointment to the premiership, he
would have been at liberty to select his
colleagues where he could find them,
provided always that he appealed to the
people for ratification of his choice at
the earliest possible day. But here we
have a legislature representative of the
people, and a government representative
of nobody. This state of things has
continued for six weeks and will un-
doubtedly exist for some time longer.
No man with a grain of sense will say
that this is representative government.
This view of the case must not be lost
sight of, for if the Dominion govern-
ment takes any action in the premises it
will probably be because, owing to the
extraordinary course followed by the
Lieutenant-Governor in accepting the
ministers nominated by Mr. Martin,
British Columbia has been deprived of
representative government.

A SPEECH BY MR. HILL.

Mr. J. J. Hill, of the Great Northern,
made a speech before the Seattle Cham-
ber of Commerce on Saturday and while
it has no reference in any way to Brit-
ish Columbia, he stated some facts that
will be of interest here, especially in
view of the fact that we talk often of
seeing Victoria become the headquarters
of trans-Pacific trade. "Eight months
ago," said Mr. Hill, "I should have been
rejoiced to have any steamboat people
come here with vessels of 10,000 to 12-
000 tons capacity; but we have found it
necessary to order ships that will carry
20,000 tons, or a measurement capacity
of over 28,000 tons." He added that
the deck-room in the steamers already or-
dered will amount to five acres. To
handle the cargoes of these ships will, he
said, call for 1,000 to 1,500 cars, and
the railway will need twenty-five miles
of yard tracks to take care of the busi-
ness of one of the steamers. This space
is necessary because the vessels must
have quick despatch, as it costs between
\$1,800 and \$2,000 a day to run them.

Mr. Hill gave some interesting statis-
tics about terminal facilities, which will
be a revelation to those who think we
have a sufficient terminal for trans-Pac-
ific commerce at the outer wharf, and if
not, can make one in the inner harbor.
The Great Northern's terminal tracks at
Lake Superior are seventy miles long and
they handle 1,500 cars a day. Buffalo
has 1,400 miles of terminal tracks, and
yet, said Mr. Hill, there are times when
Buffalo is stalled. Last fall Buffalo had
to refuse to take any more freight, and
there were at that time six ships waiting
to discharge, some of them having been
waiting for more than a week. "People
in the West do not know anything about
despatch," said he. "At West Superior a
5,000-ton ship comes in the night load-
ed with coal, and by the next night she
is unloaded and is steaming away with
5,000 tons of grain." Vessels on the
lakes insist on quick despatch in their
charters, and absolutely refuse to go
where they cannot get it. But not only
is a great extent of trackage necessary
to handle goods at a seaport, but enor-
mous warehouses as well, and this is
where there is a difference between sea-
ports and inland towns. In the latter
the goods are hauled away from the
cars, but in the former almost everything
must be warehoused.

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cilities must be provided on this Coast
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Suez route. Everything in the transpor-
tation line, that is, in connection with in-
ternational commerce, is done on small
margins. Nor is this true only of for-
eign commerce, for Mr. Hill pointed out
that, owing to the lack of facilities for
handling goods there, many shippers now
always insist that their freight should be
routed around and not through Chicago.

Mr. Hill referred to the lumber busi-
ness of the state of Washington, which
he regards as its chief industry. The
Great Northern now gives a rate from
the Coast to Lake Superior of 40 cents
per hundred weight on lumber. He says
that the states between the Ohio river
and the Rocky mountains use 10,000-
000,000 feet of soft wood lumber every
year. Of this at present only about 10
per cent. comes from the Pacific Coast.
This gives some idea of the tremendous
drain there is likely to be upon the for-
ests of the state of Washington in the
future, and furnishes a slight idea of the
enormous value which British Columbia
forests are likely to possess before very
long, and also that we will probably have
the lion's share of the trans-Pacific wood
trade, which is likely in time to exceed
that done across the Atlantic.

We think it will be admitted that in
these observations of Mr. Hill there is
food for much thought, especially when
we add that he does not take into ac-
count the passenger traffic to be built
up across the ocean. This is a depart-
ment of transportation that stands quite
apart from freight business. It is one
for handling which British Columbia
possesses natural facilities that cannot be
rivalled.

JAPANESE EXCLUSION.

Canada is not the only country that is
disturbed over the question of Japanese
competition. It is exciting keen interest
in certain parts of the United States,
more particularly in California. The
Labor Council of San Francisco has
adopted strong resolutions in regard to
it. They demand "the total and per-
petual exclusion from the United States
of all Japanese other than those ac-
credited by their government on its diplo-
matic staff." They declare this to be
necessary if "the American standard of
living" is to be preserved, and that the
apparent assimilation of Japanese to
Occidental methods of living only serves
to make their competition more danger-
ous.

The immigration of Japanese into
America is certainly increasing with
very great rapidity, and they are un-
doubtedly a formidable factor in the
labor market. While it is very true
that they make a point of assimilating
themselves to our manner of dress and
to some extent our manner of living,
the fact that only very few of them are mar-
ried and raise families renders their
perfect assimilation impossible. Herein
there is a radical difference between the
European and the Asiatic emigrant.
The former must carry with him the
institution of a home, which means that
he must have a wife and children, and
be it ever so humble, there's no place
like a home to determine the social
status of a people. With the Oriental
immigrant the case is quite different.
Some of the Chinese bring their wives
with them and raise families, but the
great majority of them do not. They
have no such thing as homes. "A place
where they may crawl in and sleep is to
most of them all the habitation re-
quired." There are exceptions, but they
are in the small minority. So with the
Japanese; they do not think in the
majority of cases of setting up homes
for themselves. There is hardly such a
thing as an emigration of Japanese
women to provide wives for the thou-
sands of Japanese men who have come to
America. Until there is something of
the kind, it is idle to talk about the
assimilation of Japanese to our manner
of living.

While this is true, there is another
side to the question. Is there sufficient
white labor available for the develop-
ment of the country? Many people will
answer this question in the affirmative
and be surprised that it is asked. But
what are the facts? In British Colum-
bia there are many Japanese employed
on farms. A gentleman whose business
recently took him to nearly every farm
house in an important farming section
of the Island, expressed his surprise at
the few white farm servants he found
and the number of Japanese. It is
doubtful if British Columbia can ever
become anything like self-supporting in
an agricultural sense unless some
other labor than that of white people is
available. Whether a farmer on Van-
couver Island or in the Fraser Valley
can compete with imported produce de-
pends upon what it costs to raise that
produce. Our farmers are competing
with communities where labor is consid-
erably cheaper than here. British Colum-
bia cannot hope to become a manu-
facturing province if labor is not avail-
able at a lower rate than white men
expect and receive here, and which in-
deed they must have if they are to
maintain their present standard of liv-
ing. While upon this point it may be
well to say that all grades of white
society in this province are extremely
extravagant. They maintain a high
standard of living, but not nearly as
high a standard as they might for the
same money, if the principles of domes-
tic economy were understood here as in
France, for example. But this ques-
tion is too much involved to be more
than referred to here. A certain stan-
dard of living has been adopted by
white working men, and it is impossible
for manufacturers to pay the wages
necessary to maintain that standard and
produce at a profit goods that come into
competition with the products of local-
ities where labor is cheaper. Undoubtedly
white labor is as a rule better than
Oriental labor. It is said that the ex-

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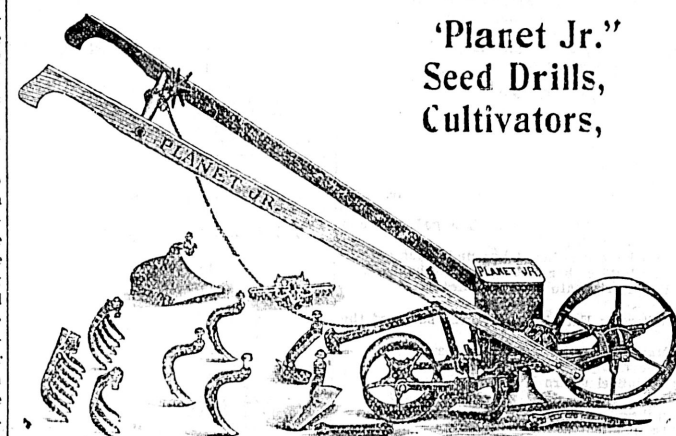
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periment of employing Japanese as sec-
tion men on the transcontinental roads
of the United States has not proved a
success; but it is undoubtedly true that
if all the Orientals could be excluded
from this province many industries
would suffer temporarily. In time white
labor would come in and take its place,
but we believe this would mean the
general lowering of the rate of wages.
We are not sure that the presence of
Oriental labor here to take the employ-
ment that cannot afford to pay high
prices does not materially aid in keeping
up the present standard of wages.

There are so many sides to this sub-
ject that no one can pretend to speak
authoritatively upon it. It is a great
and far-reaching economic question,
upon which there will be wide differ-
ences of opinion. The Dominion parlia-
ment is to be asked to deal with it, and
very great interest will attach to the
line of action which the government
shall recommend. Hitherto the people
of America have concerned themselves
chiefly about what they were going to do
with the Orient, and have lost sight of
the almost equally important question:
What is the Orient going to do with us?
It is necessary to do something to pre-
vent the advent of unlimited numbers
of Orientals to our shores; but we
must not lose sight of the fact that we
are trying a great experiment in the
cultivation of closer relations with our
neighbors across the ocean, and we
may expect to be surprised at some of
the results.

Sir Frederick Carrington is to be sent
with 5,000 men to Rhodesia. His force
is, we understand, to consist exclusively
of mounted men. His duty will be to
prevent the retreat of the Boers into that
region after the occupation of the Trans-
vaal.

There were 40,000 people in Kimber-
ley during the siege. No one suspected
that there were so many. During the
period of investment 15,000 pints of soup
were distributed daily and the vegetables
which formed the greater part of it were
all from Mr. Rhodes' gardens.

The much-voiced question as to what
the real Shamrock is was a subject of
keen discussion in London on St. Pat-
rick's Day. It is a little odd that there
should be any doubt upon this point, but
clearly there is, although doubtless most
Irishmen will not admit it.

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with; and any persons who have any
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present them within thirty days from date
hereof to

CHAS. E. POOLEY,
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VICTORIA TIDES.

By Mr. Napier Denison.

The zero of the accompanying scale corresponds to 14 feet of water in the channel off Shoal Point, and 18.6 feet above the sill of the Esquimalt dry dock.

Wednesday, April 11.		Thursday, April 12.	
Time.	Height above zero.	Time.	Height above zero.
2:00 a.m.	7.3 feet	2:20 a.m.	7.1 feet
7:50 a.m.	4.7 feet	8:30 a.m.	4.2 feet
1:10 p.m.	7.2 feet	2:30 p.m.	7.7 feet
6:50 p.m.	4.4 feet	7:20 p.m.	4.7 feet

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To Arrange Preliminaries.—The Mayor has invited the city aldermen to an informal meeting to-night at the city hall, to consider the best way of arranging the preliminaries for celebrating the approaching anniversary of Her Majesty's Birthday.

Visit Postponed.—The local Salvationists were greatly disappointed yesterday, when they received word that Commissioner Eva Booth had been forced to cancel her trip to the Coast. She got as far as the Western States when she got a telegram calling her back to Toronto.

Floral Cantata.—Upwards of fifty voices, the best that can be found among the children of Victoria, will take part in the floral cantata on April 24. The rehearsals, which have been under the direction of Mrs. D. R. Harris and Mrs. J. D. Helmcken, have been carried on during the past two months and the dresses of the various groups of flowers are nearing completion. An efficient orchestra will be employed.

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Victoria Clearing House.—The returns of the Victoria clearing house for the week ending April 10 were \$617,032, balances \$152,040.

The Police Court.—Three indiscreet bicyclists felt the iron hand of the law in the police court yesterday, being fined \$3 each for riding on the sidewalks contrary to the provisions of the streets by-law.

A Crook Sentenced.—Myer, the individual who was wanted some time ago by the local police for passing a forged cheque on a Government street business firm was a few days ago sentenced to a year's imprisonment in Seattle for a similar offence.

Clarke Mystery.—The provincial police, in whose hands has been placed the task of solving as far as lies in their power the mystery surrounding the disappearance of assistant paymaster Clarke, of the Leander, had nothing new to report in connection with the matter yesterday. As stated in the Colonist yesterday, the report that the body of the man had been found was without foundation.

Looking for Evidence.—J. F. O'Brien arrived in the city yesterday in quest of evidence regarding Ed. J. Boyce, formerly of Victoria, who was recently convicted in Tacoma of murder in the first degree, having shot and killed his wife on February 10 last. It is the intention of Mr. O'Brien, who is attorney for the prisoner, to take the case to the Supreme court should an appeal be refused. Insanity will be the plea.

The Latest Fad.—It is quite the proudest thing now in society circles for ladies and gentlemen artistically inclined to take lessons in wood carving. Mr. Louis Larson, who conducts a studio at No. 6 Bastion square, has a large number of pupils who are making excellent progress, among them being Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Shaw, Miss Pemberton, Miss Holland, Mrs. Tharks, Miss Loewen and Mrs. Harris. Their work is highly artistic.

An Exciting Runaway.—A span of horses attached to a Chinese vegetable wagon made things lively in the vicinity of the city hall yesterday afternoon. The team broke away from its Mongolian attendant and dashed at a lively rate down Cormorant street. In attempting to turn from Government street into Pandora, the vehicle collided with the building on the southeast corner. The horses broke away and were captured at Douglas street, only slight damage having been done.

Lieut. Scott's Condition.—Although there was an anxious period yesterday when the medical attendants upon Lieut. Scott, R.N., the victim of Friday night's tragedy at Esquimalt, feared the worst, the report from the hospital late last evening was that he had rallied somewhat, and his chances of recovery had even improved during the day as he had held his strength well. The navy surgeons still insist that Lieut. Scott is "worth a dozen dead men," and will most probably recover.

Past Flyers.—Mr. W. J. McKeon, jr., recently imported from California three homing pigeons, all of which made their mark as fast flyers in California. They have been given several short flies since their arrival and have done remarkably well. One which was turned loose in the city at three minutes to twelve reached the loft just this side of Cedar Hill, a distance of over four miles by road, but, of course, on a straight line as the pigeons would fly at noon. Mr. McKeon's loft at the Oriental Hotel was raided by a cat last year and a number of valuable birds killed.

Centennial Mock Parliament.—There will be a meeting of the Centennial mock parliament in the parlour of the Centennial church, George road, to-night at 8 o'clock, when the governing body will bring down its much talked of bill abolishing all lotteries, including church raffles. The opposition have declared war to the death and are confident of success; the government also are very enthusiastic. The speakers for the evening will be: Government—Messrs. Bone, Sweet, Marchant and Davey; opposition—Messrs. Campbell, Nicholas, Schofield and Stewart. The meetings of the society are open to any who may wish to attend and a cordial invitation is extended to all.

Epworth League.—The literary meeting of the Epworth League of the Metropolitan Methodist church was held Monday night last. Staff Capt. Galt of the Salvation Army delivered a splendid address on "Practical Christianity" and the way in which she handled this most important subject together with the manner of her address deeply impressed those present. At the close of the address the Staff Captain sang a sacred song and also a duet with one of her soldiers, both of which were accompanied by the mandolin, played by herself, and were much appreciated and greatly enjoyed by all. The league hope that this will not be the last time, by a good many, that they will be favored by a visit from the Staff Captain.

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Spring Assizes

Are Cut Short

Grand Jury Bring In "No Bill" in the Sarel Libel Case.

Regina vs. Nichol to Come Before Mr. Justice Drake Later.

This year's spring assizes will after all not include a trial of general public interest, although the result of Regina vs. Nichol, the action in which W. C. Nichol, editor of the Province is charged with libelling Messrs. Turner and Pooley, will be awaited with more or less eagerness. This case has been before the courts so long—it has been tried once, the jury disagreeing—that the public have lost interest in the facts. The case which was expected to draw a crowd, Regina vs. Sarel, in which the defendant was charged with libelling the Lieutenant-Governor, was abruptly brought to an end by the grand jury, who, after reading the article returned "no bill." They did not call any witnesses.

As Mr. Justice Martin had been engaged in the Nichol case before he was appointed to the bench, he preferred, as when the case was up before, not to hear it and consequently it was adjourned until April 23, when it will come on before Mr. Justice Drake.

Therefore the only case left on the docket was that of Regina vs. Knox, in which Joseph Knox of the Craigflower farm is charged with assaulting Mr. Webb, Government road boss by striking him over the head with a nail hammer. It appears that there is a gravel pit on Mr. Knox's property from which the government take gravel for the roads in Esquimalt district. At times Mr. Knox was not altogether satisfied with the arrangement with the lands and works department and locked the gate leading to the pit to prevent teams from entering. This was the case in January last when it is alleged the assault was committed. On the day in question Mr. Knox warned Mr. Webb not to take gravel from the pit, but the warning was not noticed, the road superintendent having orders from the department to take the gravel. Mr. Knox went there and while the wagon was being loaded nailed up the gate. Mr. Webb opened it to let the team out, and as he was closing it was struck two blows with a hammer.

These were the facts brought out in the evidence before a petty jury which Mr. P. W. Denison was foreman. After the evidence of several witnesses had been heard the case was adjourned until 10 this morning. Mr. A. L. Belyea, Q.C., appears for the crown and Mr. L. P. Duff for the defence.

As Mr. Belyea, representing the crown, intimated that there might be another case ready this morning the grand jury were not discharged. Yesterday afternoon they visited the public institutions. The officials last evening declined to state what the presumptive case was.

A Creditable Composition.—A very pretty and musically composition for the piano is the "Idyll," which has just been published by B. F. Barnes & Co. of Philadelphia for the author, Frederick J. Bantly, of this city. It is a piano piece that should become decidedly popular for concert playing—a not-to-difficult pastorelle in the pleasing 3-4 movement throughout, modulating from five flats to three sharps and returning to its original theme. The "Idyll" is on sale at all local houses, and, as it is quite on a par for merit with Mr. Bantly's former productions, thoroughly deserves the popularity it will no doubt attract.

Double Funeral.—A large number of sympathizing friends yesterday attended the funeral of the late G. Rowden, which took place at 11 a.m. from the undertaking parlors of the R.C. Funeral Furnishing Company to Sand Hill cemetery, South Saanich. Rev. J. G. Hastings officiated at the service. The funeral was a very impressive one, and the pallbearers were: Messrs. J. Smith, W. Estes, F. Alexander, H. Alexander, F. Montano and G. Stevens. At the Royal Oak the cortege was joined by a horse containing the remains of Masters Marks, a half-brother of Mr. Rowden's, who died in Lake district. The two caskets were laid side by side in Sand Hill cemetery.

Old Timer's Misfortune.—Poor old "Charlie" McCormack, one of the old guard and a familiar figure on the streets of Victoria, was yesterday removed to the Jubilee Hospital in a pitiable condition. The old man has been living in a cabin at Spring Ridge all alone for some time past and being almost deprived of the bare necessities of life, he was taken away to a shadowy. He was at one time a soldier in the United States army and came to Victoria in the early days was employed as a carrier on the Victoria Standard. Latterly he has been in very poor circumstances, but his friends had no idea he was in such absolute want.

Holy Week Services.—Services are being held this week in all the Roman Catholic and Anglican churches. The services at St. Barnabas church are: Wednesday and Thursday—Holy eucharist, 8 a.m.; Wednesday and Thursday—Lantern service and address on "Passion" by H. Wallis, R.N. Maundy Thursday—Communicants' meeting and preparation for Easter eucharist at 8 p.m. Good Friday—Ante-communion, 9 a.m.; matins and litany, 11 a.m.; three hours' devotion, 12 to 3; evensong and address, 7:30. Saturday, Easter Eve—Matins at 8 a.m.; evensong, 8 p.m.; Easter eucharist, 11 a.m.; children's evensong, service of song and administration of holy baptism at 3 p.m.; evensong, 7 p.m. The annual vestry meeting will be on Easter Monday at 3.

Dispute Between Messrs. Dunlop and Haney.—The long-pending dispute between Messrs. Dunlop and Haney as to the ownership of a valuable mineral claim adjoining the War Eagle mine, Rossland, which has been before the courts in several ways, yesterday again came to a trial before Mr. Justice Gair. The claim was located by Dunlop and named the Pack Train, and re-located by Haney and named the Legal Tender. A number of legal points were raised, pending the decision of which the case was adjourned. Mr. W. J. Taylor appeared for the plaintiff, and Messrs. Gordon Hunter and Elliott for the defendant.

S. P. C. A.—At a meeting held in Vancouver for the purpose of re-organizing the Provincial Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, the following representatives of branch societies were present: Messrs. A. J. Dallin, W. F. Best and F. B. Kitto, Victoria; J. C. Brown, C. C. Fisher and J. H. Shirley, New Westminster; Mayor Garden, Rev. J. Reid, Jr., Dr. Gibbons, Rev. J. C. Brown, Vancouver. On behalf of the city Mayor Garden extended a hearty welcome to the delegates. Upon the meeting getting down to business, Mr. J. C. Brown was elected chairman and Mr. J. H. Shirley secretary. The constitution was then taken up and amended and revised, after which the officers were elected as follows: President, J. C. Brown, New Westminster; vice-presidents, Mayor Garden, Vancouver; A. J. Dallin, Victoria; secretary, C. J. South, treasurer, Ald. Foreman. Before the meeting adjourned it was decided to hold the next annual meeting in Vancouver in January next.

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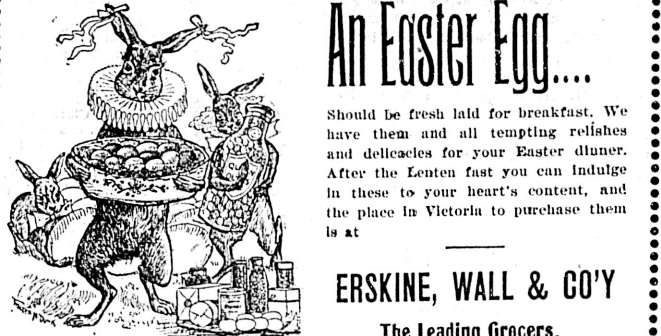
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Preparations for the opening of the fishing season on the Columbia river are being pushed rapidly forward. Deputy Fish Commissioner Boardman said:

"The indications are that there will be a very heavy run at the mouth of the river this year and that it will begin soon. Further inland the run will not be so heavy, owing to the fact that there has been little snow in the districts along the river. This will insure low water, and fishermen do not look for a very large catch any considerable distance from the mouth."

"Fish are being sold in the district I visited for six cents per pound, which is an unusually high price and one that bespeaks a profitable season for fishermen."

Frye-Kaufman.—Mr. Loyd Frye, of Spokane, and Miss Edna Kaufman, of California, were united in the bonds of matrimony at the residence of the pastor of the First Congregational church on Monday afternoon. The Rev. F. Payne officiated.

Easter Rates.—Dodwell & Co., Ltd., of Spokane, and Miss Edna Kaufman, of California, were united in the bonds of matrimony at the residence of the pastor of the First Congregational church on Monday afternoon. The Rev. F. Payne officiated.

Catholic Bishop.—Rev. Father Nicolay, who returned on Saturday last from a visit to Portland, Oregon, corroborates the statements which have been made more or less officially for some time past to the effect that Rev. Father Orth, of Oregon, has received the appointment to the bishopric of this diocese. The official documents confirming the appointment will be signed in a few days.

Dunlop vs. Haney.—The long-pending dispute between Messrs. Dunlop and Haney as to the ownership of a valuable mineral claim adjoining the War Eagle mine, Rossland, which has been before the courts in several ways, yesterday again came to a trial before Mr. Justice Gair. The claim was located by Dunlop and named the Pack Train, and re-located by Haney and named the Legal Tender. A number of legal points were raised, pending the decision of which the case was adjourned. Mr. W. J. Taylor appeared for the plaintiff, and Messrs. Gordon Hunter and Elliott for the defendant.

THE KIENNEL. Another Prize Winner.

There is still another prize winner in addition to those from Victoria that have been mentioned among the distinguished company at the Tacoma bench show, and this one has not failed to cover himself and the city with honor. He is the magnificent Great Dane, Ivan, the property of Mrs. Rossell P. Hitchcock, who although entered too late to be a regular competitor, has been adjudged entitled to first prize honors and a special medal, this being but one more to a long list of honors he has won at every bench where he has been shown. Before Ivan went to the Klondike with his mistress, he was a feature of all the big Eastern bench shows; then for two years it was his unhappy fate (from the exhibitor's standpoint) to waste his talent and his pedigree on the frozen air. From what the Tacoma papers and people say, it is evident that he has become the star attraction of the show in the City of Destiny, and no doubt his popularity will follow him to the Seattle and San Francisco exhibitions, where he is also to be entered.

THE TURK. Club Races.

The Victoria Hunt Club races at Colwood on Monday next promise to be the best the club have yet held. It has been found necessary to make the general admission 50 cents this year, owing to the club having lost money in the former season. Considerable expense is attached to keeping up the course, prizes, etc. The return fare on the railway is 75 cents, which includes admission.

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THE WEATHER.

Meteorological Office,
Victoria, April 10.—8 p.m.
SYNOPSIS.

A high area still prevails, being central in Manitoba and covering also nearly the entire Pacific Coast region. A low area is hovering off the Washington and Vancouver Island coasts and its development and eastward movement will cause a return to unsettled weather conditions and rainfall. The temperature west of the ranges has been higher to-day and the weather has been generally cloudy on the Coast but without precipitation.

TEMPERATURES.

	Min.	Max.
Victoria.....	42	63
New Westminster.....	32	62
Kamloops.....	20	58
Barkerville.....	16	50
Calgary.....	30	36
Winnipeg.....	26	50
Portland, Ore.....	48	66
San Francisco.....	40	60

FORECASTS.

For 24 hours from 5 a.m. Pacific time, Wednesday.
Victoria and Vicinity—Moderate to fresh easterly winds; mostly cloudy, with occasional showers; not much change in temperature.
Lower Mainland—Chiefly cloudy, with occasional showers and rain.

VICTORIA DAILY RECORD.

Report for 24 hours ending 5 p.m. Observations taken daily at 5 a.m., noon and 5 p.m.

TUESDAY, April 10.

5 a.m.	Mean.	5 p.m.
5 a.m.	43	61
5 p.m.	61	42

The velocity and direction of the wind were as follows:

5 p.m.	10 miles northeast.
Noon.	10 miles north.
5 p.m.	4 miles north.

Average state of weather—Fair.
Sunshine—10 hours 30 minutes.
Barometer at noon—Observed.....30.000
Corrected.....30.000

NEW WESTMINSTER.

Barometer at 5 p.m.—Corrected.....30.04

PASSENGERS.

By steamer Victorian from the Sound:	
P. T. Potter.	N. Clements.
Mrs. Potter.	E. J. Kelly.
F. A. Wilkins.	G. Rogers.
E. Sears.	T. O. Brown.
F. J. Clayton.	C. A. Carl.
Miss Cameron.	W. Anthony.
2 Sisters Charity.	John Hopkins.
T. D. Dunn.	Mrs. Thomas.
N. H. Porter.	Mrs. Swanton.
Mrs. Bennett.	R. Spike.
C. M. Barden.	Mrs. Spike.
Miss Young.	Joe Spade.
Mrs. Young.	Mrs. Smith.
R. Tolmie.	Miss Smith.
J. Campbell.	S. Mike.
J. Adams.	J. H. Little.
J. McDonald.	C. Butler.
J. P. Wilson.	D. Woodcock.
H. Rittner.	P. G. Isart.
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HEART DISEASE.

Some Facts Regarding the Rapid Increase of Heart Trouble.

Heart trouble, at least among the Americans, is certainly increasing, and while this may be largely due to the excitement and worry of American business life, it is more often the result of weak stomachs, of poor digestion. Real organic disease is incurable, but not one case in a hundred of heart trouble is organic.

The close relation between heart trouble and weak digestion is because both organs are controlled by the same great nerves, the sympathetic and the pneumogastric.

"In another way also the heart is affected by the form of poor digestion, which causes gas and fermentation from half-digested food. There is a feeling of oppression and heaviness in the chest caused by pressure of the distended stomach on the heart and lungs, interfering with their action; hence arises palpitation and short breath.

Poor digestion also poisons the blood, making it thin and watery, which irritates and weakens the heart. The most sensible treatment for heart trouble is to improve the digestion and to insure the prompt assimilation of food. This can be done by the regular use after meals of some safe, pleasant and effective digestive preparation, like Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets, which may be found at drug stores, and which contain valuable, harmless and digestive elements in a pleasant, convenient form.

It is safe to say that the regular, persistent use of Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets at meal time will cure any form of stomach trouble except cancer of the stomach.

THE SENATOR FROM MONTANA.

Washington, April 10.—The senate committee on privilege and elections to-day decided by a unanimous vote to recommend the adoption of a resolution declaring that Hon. W. A. Clark of Montana is not entitled to occupy his seat as a senator from Montana. The case has been the subject of a lengthy hearing.

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How the Pious Boer Wages Barbarous War

Brave Victoria Soldiers in Home Letters Tell of That Well Won Fight on the Modder River.

Sharpshooters of the Enemy Fire Repeatedly Upon Wounded Men and Messengers of Mercy Under the Red Cross.

Explosive Bullets Play Their Savage Part—The Men of "Ours" Who Died the Death of Heroes on the Field—The Wounded Have Trying Time.

For all that Victoria is an ultra-English town and patriotic to the core, there are many here who still harbor in their hearts an unspoken belief that the Boers are after all, and although they must be beaten by the armies of the Queen, a brave and soldierly nation of men, fighting for what they believe to be their rights and liberties. To any holding such opinions it is only necessary now to present the budget of letters that came direct from the front by Monday evening's long-watched-for mail—the evidence of our own boys on the subject, and testimony also too often sealed with their life's blood.

"The world has heard ere this of the cowardly trick of the Boers in holding their hands or even raising the white flag, and then firing beneath the cover of the cloak of truce. These letters tell, however, of far more that stamps the Boer as deserving rather than soldier—an enemy deserving of no sympathy and no consideration in the conflict now being waged.

"There is one character Britain's soldiers through centuries have borne—they are never known to fight fair. The Boers, on the other hand, have shown the coward's tactics in more cases than one, and if after reading the stories printed below, written home by Victoria lads who are bearing their part in the eventing, blistering, parched battlefield—of wounded men shot while lying down to die, of stretcher-bearers picked off by sharpshooters, as unarmed, they pursued their mission of mercy; of limbs and bodies torn by the forbidden and barbarous dum-dum—anyone can feel further sympathy for an ignoble foe, that sympathizer of the Boers does not deserve to be respected in any British community.

HOW TODD, THE HERO DIED.

It is a vivid picture of battle in its matter-of-factness that Pte. A. C. Beach has drawn in a letter just received by Pte. A. C. Beach, a letter bearing date at Rondebosch Hospital, March 7—a view of battle not as dreamers see it but as seen by the man in the fighting line, who faces death for his country and awaits with curiosity the bullet that will lay him dead.

"There have been many things happening since I wrote you last," he says, "some interesting—some painful. Now, I am laid up with a dum-dum bullet hole in one leg, a piece torn off the other leg, and a Maudrell bullet hole through my chest. Yet I am lucky at that, for all the men (including Todd and Maudrell, of ours) that got wounded where I was, were killed after being shot down in the legs.

"I have no doubt you have had a more graphic account of that fight than I could give you; but it was a hot place to be in, especially where we were. We were shot down close together.

"We were talking and weighing our chances, when Todd said 'let's go it again.' Then I got my turn through the chest. Then I heard another hit Todd and his head fell forward while I lay there expecting my turn. That luckily never came until the sun went down; after that there was no danger.

"At about 9 o'clock they carried me a few yards to the rear and put me down under a tree, where I lay in Sgt. Joe Northcott's arms until about 6 a.m. Then I was put into a wagon without springs and taken to the hospital. That was a ride I will never forget. For three hours we were troubled with nervousness, this was a cure.

"There were miraculous escapes and heroic deeds galore, none of which will ever be mentioned. One escape I had which was pretty close occurred at Paardeburg. I was talking to Maudrell of ours, and some other sergeant when an explosive bullet exploded while passing through the vizor of my helmet, the explosion causing it to strike my forehead hard enough to daze me; it did not draw blood and left nothing but a dull red line.

"I got my wounds in a charge which was ordered by the General and in which the Canadians joined in away ahead of those who were ordered to charge. At our end were Maudrell, Todd and myself together. I arrived at the hospital at 7 a.m., was dressed for the first time at 8 a.m., having gone 16 hours all through a cold night outside without being attended to. Then I was put under the shade of a wall, and for two days I was naked just wrapped up in two blankets, the knocked about without attendance or proper food; but I am all right now and on the way to recovery, though you can get one of your fingers easily through the hole in my leg from either end."

DEAD AND WOUNDED OF "OURS"

Dating his letter from Paardeburg Drift, Modder River, while the battle was practically still in progress, Corporal O'Dell gives another glimpse of the quiet soldier who was lost in the passing of Private Todd. The Corporal also presents a general view of the situation at that time, which is distinctly interesting; besides supplying details of the injuries which laid the Victorians dead or sent them suffering to hospital.

"We have General Cronje and his forces completely surrounded by forty thousand of our troops," says Corporal O'Dell in this letter, dated February 23. "He is expecting re-enforcements, but we shall stop them. Since the first charge Capt. Arnold has died. It would have been a miracle if he had lived, as he was shot through the brain.

"The battlefield is a large undulating plain many miles in extent, and surrounded by kopjes on which we have our artillery placed. Our regiment took up a position yesterday commanding a splendid view of the situation. We are on a

kopje, to the northeast of the enemy's laager. The Modder flows east to west through the plain, and along its banks and in its ravines the Boers are encamped. At present we are contenting ourselves by shelling them whenever they show themselves.

"The list of casualties in the battle of Paardeburg Drift, on Modder River, to the southeast of Kimberley, which was fought on Sunday last were as follows:

Killed.

"Sergeant W. L. Scott, of Victoria. He was shot just over the left eye. There were three bullet holes in a tin cup tied to his haversack, and his haversack was shot through.

"John Todd of Victoria. Shot in the head, the stomach and hip. He was talking with Beach of his prospects of coming out of the fight alive when he was hit, and dropped with the words: 'This beats Manila hollow.' He was in the American campaign in the Philippines.

"Private A. Maudrell of Victoria. He was shot in the stomach, and managed to crawl into the trenches, where he was found still alive. He died at 5 a.m. on Monday morning. Private Wood stayed with Maudrell on the field till he died.

"Private Somers of Victoria was shot in the face and killed outright.

"Private W. Jackson of Vancouver was shot in the left shoulder, the body and legs.

"Captain Arnold of Winnipeg was wounded early in the fight, being shot in the head, the leg and the shoulder. He lingered for some time, but no hope was held out of his recovery from the first. Private Court of Victoria nursed him until his death.

Wounded.

"Private A. C. Beach of Victoria was shot in the stomach and leg. His wounds are serious.

Corporal Lohman of New Westminster was shot in the month and neck. He is already beginning to recover.

"Private C. C. Thompson of Vancouver was shot in the right shoulder, the arm and legs.

"Private H. E. Niebergall of Vancouver was shot early in the fight. Maudrell's bullets were sent into his left shoulder, arm and leg.

"Private F. Finch-Smiths of Victoria also went down early in the fight. He was shot in the hip.

"Private C. W. Duncalfe of Winnipeg, Private J. H. Dickson of Nelson and Private L. J. D. Andrews of Victoria were deliberately fired upon by the Boers while engaged in carrying Capt. Arnold from the field when he fell. All are stretcher-bearers. Duncalfe had his wrist pierced by a Maudrell bullet, Dickson had his left breast grazed and Andrews was slightly wounded in the leg. Their wounds were not very serious.

"Private H. Mackenzie of Winnipeg was wounded in the ankle, a slight wound.

"Private Thos. Thompson of Ontario, who was reported wounded, came out of the fight unscathed."

Supplementing this letter with another ten days later, the same correspondent says the following British Columbians were encamped at Paardeburg Drift after the fight: Lieut. Blanchard, Sgt. Northcott, Corp. O'Dell, Privates Braithour, Court, Cornwall, Gamble, Dixon, Jones, Leaman, Nell, Roberts ("Bobby"), Stobbing, Stewart Wood and Wallace, W.D.; Corp. Mossberg, Lance-Corp. Dickson, Lance-Corp. Corbould, Corp. McHardy, Privates Sinclair, Bonner, Frith, Chius, Livingston, Mackay, O'Brien, Wallace, G. Whitley, Lemmy, P. Smith, Patterson, Lee, Moody, Wilkins, Campbell, Hicks, Allen, Crooke and Rite. The total was 39. The others were said to be somewhere between Kimberley and Cape Town on the line of communications. The company were all well, but had been soured through by a thunderstorm on the night before. Since February 16 they had been on half rations. All could not wait food breakfast, and would not refuse bread and cheese by any means. Sgt. Northcott was acting color-sergeant at the camp.

AFTER THE BATTLE SUMMARY.

"Here we are bivouacked," says another of the Victoria boys writing from the Paardeburg Drift on March 3, "resting for a few days after long and trying marches in the hot sun and dark nights. We left Belmont by train on the evening of February 12 for Graspan, and lay on the ground until 4 a.m., march to Ram Dam, fifteen miles. The next morning we left at 4 a.m. for the Modder River, nine miles. That evening we left at 8 p.m. and march twelve miles, halting within four miles of Jacobsdal and remained until daylight the next morning. Here we heard our first field guns as the brigade in front of us got a whack at a small party at Jacobsdal. We left at daylight and moved on to Jacobsdal, and remained here until 10 p.m., moving on then fourteen miles to Klip Drift. The battalion moved at 10 p.m., eighteen miles to this place, arriving at 6 a.m. February 18.

"After a cup of coffee they moved out, across the river, wading up to their armpits, and formed up in extended order for the attack. The men were very tired and hungry, having been on half rations since leaving Belmont owing to lack of transportation facilities and the loss of one of our provision convoys. However, they behaved nobly. I am told our company suffered pretty heavily, as with the Cornwalls they were ordered to charge when 800 yards from the Boer position. This was when the most of our loss occurred.

"The Victoria boys killed were: Sgt. Scott, shot in the head; Maudrell, shot in the stomach; Todd, in the head; Somers, in the head; Jackson, Vancouver, in the head.

"Our wounded were: Beach, in the stomach; Finch-Smiths, in the thigh; Andrews, shot in the wrist while carrying Capt. Arnold off the field; Dixon, in the arm pit while similarly employed.

"Of the Vancouver men, Niebergall was shot in the arm; Thompson in the arm; Lohman, of New Westminster, through the stomach, teeth and shoulder.

"I understand that all our men are doing well. Capt. Arnold was shot in the head and never recovered consciousness. He died two days afterwards.

"The battalion was engaged again on the 20th, but suffered no loss. The weather over night during that week was horrible, rain falling in torrents and being very cold, and for three nights the men did not have blankets or rubber sheets.

"Returned to the battalion on Sunday, the 25th. On the 26th 'A' Company crossed the river and manned the trenches there. That night—or rather the next morning at 3 o'clock—we attacked again, but only the left end of 'A' Company's trench was directly in the line of fire, so we escaped loss.

"It is not possible to describe the fight, for everything seemed so jumbled up. I, of course, missed the first two fights and was only partly in the third, but the sound of the firing was terrific. The crack of the rifles was continuous, like a Chinese New Year firecracker fusillade."

MARCHANT NOT FORGOTTEN.

There have been so many conflicting reports as to the nature of Pte. Finch-Smiths' wounds and his chances of recovery that a letter from the good-natured chap himself, setting matters straight, is very welcome. It is written from Orange River Hospital, and breathes a spirit of contented philosophy uncharacteristic of a soldier.

"This is just to let you know," he writes, "that I am still on top of the earth, though not quite as lively as perhaps I might be, and not able to do more than pen a few lines, as I get extremely tired after a day of them."

"We had a very busy day last Sunday week, and I got my dose early in the day, and so had leisure to reflect upon many things pertaining to the brevity of human existence on this sad earth—also many other thoughts of a philosophical character.

"Most of all did I think of Mr. Marchant's defence of his friends the Boers, as they potted away at me as I lay wounded, from sunrise to sunset, and even after that. Our stretcher-bearers were also a great treat to them, for they made a speciality of that.

"Every third bullet that fell around me exploded when it struck its billet. They also fired several times directly into our hospital.

"And these are the people that Mr. Marchant upholds as a pious, God-fearing people. I don't think much of that, that's all I can say. They are nothing more nor less than savages in disguise. But we gave them a good drubbing.

"My wound is healing up nicely, and I hope to be able to rejoin the regiment in three or four weeks' time. We have been a specially lucky crew over the good news that begins to roll in now, and if things continue as now I fear the campaign will be over before I am in condition to rejoin. Well, we shall see."

THE MAN BEHIND THE GUN.

"I suppose you know through the papers," writes Pte. Whitley to his stepfather, ex-Chief Sheppard, of our late movements, that the prominent part the Canadians have been taking in the fighting. Since writing you last I have been transferred to the Maxim gun, now one of the regular attachments. My principal work is mule-driver, and when the gun goes into action the mule-driver (who is) is detached when the position is reached, and remains just behind the gun with the ammunition.

"My duty is to stay with the mules and the limber.

In the big action on the 8th February we lay under fire for about three hours before we could get the gun away. I was not driving the mules that day, but have since taken on the job. We walked two miles the next morning to get tools to make another wheel. The following Monday night we went back to the gun across, so that we are now all together.

"On Friday we were again under fire with the regiment, but did not do much. Our men did a little sniping at long range."

GAMBLE'S CLOSE CALL.

Private Gamble in his latest and necessarily brief letter home after the Modder River fight, tells how the top piece of his helmet was shot away by a bullet flying happily too high. Cornwall, he observes with satisfaction, "came through without a scratch."

There is also a letter from Pte. Cornwall, addressed to his friend, Mr. R. H. Pooley, in which he casually analyzes the peculiar sensation experienced by the boys in their first baptism of fire, a feeling which in the excitement of conflict passes away. Sgt. Scott was shot down, he says, almost at his (Cornwall's) side. The wound was progressing favorably, and would shortly be ready for the fray again. The rainy season had commenced, and wet nights were usual.

Pte. James Stewart, of Victoria, in a letter to his parents, dated at Paardeburg Drift on March 3, says: "We just had time to get some breakfast when we were ordered to advance to the attack. We had to wade the river, about three feet deep, and advanced in skirmishing order, with the Gordons ahead of us. I tell you was no snap under fire. We were lying down behind ant-heaps, with bullets flying all around. We were lying behind the ant-heaps when we were ordered to charge. As soon as we rose the bullets started, etc., before purchasing elsewhere. Nothing but first-class stock and workmanship. Corner Yates and Blanchard Sts.

MADE A QUICK TRIP.

Strathcona's Horse Arrive at Capetown in Good Order.

The fear that Canada's last contribution to the Imperial armies, the Strathcona Horse, would reach South Africa late to be of service does not, by any means seem destined to realization, the steamer having made so fast a voyage that its safe arrival at Capetown was reported yesterday. The news comes in a cablegram to Mr. C. E. Pooley, O. C., M. P. P., from his son, Lieut. T. E. Pooley, reporting: "All well."

A woman who is weak, nervous and sleepless, and who has cold hands and feet, cannot afford to neglect her health. Iron Pills equalize the circulation, remove nervousness, and give strength and rest.

NOT YET DECIDED.

Agent Gathering Evidence as to Whether Cape Nome Should Be an Open Port.

The United States government has apparently not yet decided as to whether Cape Nome shall be made a port of entry. In a recent issue the San Francisco Chronicle said:

"Collector of the Port Jackson received a visit yesterday from J. F. Evans, who has been appointed special treasury agent for Alaska. Agent Evans has just arrived here en route to his official headquarters in Sitka. He will remain here until April 20 for the purpose of hearing evidence as to whether or not Cape Nome, in Alaska, shall be designated by the government as a port of entry, in addition to other such ports now recognized on the Pacific Coast.

"The fate of Cape Nome as a port will be determined by the report which Agent Evans will make to the government. It is to the decided advantage of San Francisco merchants and shipping that Cape Nome should not be an open port. On the other hand, British interests in the Canadian Northwest will be greatly benefited by the creation of the new port. Seattle, because of business connections with British Columbia and Canada, opposes San Francisco and insists, with British merchants, that the port of Prince Rupert be opened.

"The principal question before Agent Evans is as to the sufficiency of existing commercial and shipping facilities to care for the increasing business of the Coast. It is recognized as inevitable that the opening of any new port will divert from San Francisco a certain amount of business. The government has on two different occasions of late refused to make Cape Nome an open port. It is deemed certain that the government will adhere to this action if it is shown by satisfactory evidence that San Francisco is able to care for all passengers and freight which may be offered here for transportation to the Cape country.

Agent Evans since his arrival here has furthered his views with the leading shipping firms engaged in coastwise trade, and also with many prominent merchants. All business interests thus far consulted agree that an additional port of entry at Cape Nome is unnecessary. The government is of the opinion that such a port would be to the advantage of British Columbia and to the decided disadvantage of San Francisco.

"The importance of the question at issue is such that Agent Evans desires to receive the fullest evidence possible before making his report. In order that all persons interested may be heard, he has established headquarters at 120 Sutter street, where he will hear evidence daily during the remainder of his stay in this city."

AFRICAN CONSULATE MAILS.

Further Doubt Cast on Mr. Macrum's Story of Violation by the Censor.

Washington, April 10.—United States Consul Hay at Pretoria has responded to the inquiry addressed to him by the department respecting ex-Consul Macrum's charge that the official mail of the consulate was tampered with. Mr. Hay reported that after a careful search, he had failed to find in the files of the consulate the slightest evidence to support the statements. The consul further reports that there is absolutely no interference so far as he has been able to ascertain, with any of the official communications, either telegraphic or mail, with a pass between the department of state and the consulate.

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